ber, 1992 have caused delay in completion of the units. The accident in the boiler of Unit I was caused due to system failure.

(c) The expected date of coal firing of Unit III and IV is June, 1995 and March, 1996 respectively.

(d) The enquiry committee has identified the cause of explosion as to build up of air and light diesel oil mixture in the flammable region within the boiler and the presence of ignition energy to ignite the flammable mixture within the boiler furnace The explosion resulted in rupture of certain boiler tubes causing release of steam which lead to the loss of 11 lives.

Legislation for power conservation

1049. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to enact a separate law or to bring any amendment in the existing laws for power conservation;

(b) if so, whether the draft of law to be enacted for power conservation has been prepared; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a provision for penalizing institutions/industrial establishments which waste/misuse of power would be introduced; and

(d) what measures would be taken by Government for strict observance of the law?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) A Working Group on Selective Legislation for Energy Conservation has been set up by the Ministry of Power. The Group is yet to submit their report to Government on receipt of the same, it would be considered by Government and appropriate action would be taken.

Private sector participation in power sector

1050. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power projects approved in the private sector and projected investment by private sector as on date;

(b) what is the estimated cost per unit for the consumers from the private sector projects; and

(c) the details of Indian and foreign investment in power sector and estimated generation of electricity in quantum terms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) As on date proposals have been received for setting up of 93 generation projects for a capacity addition of 53514 MW involving an approx. investment of Rs. 1,94,298 crores. Out of these 41 proposals are from foreign investors (including NRI and Joint Venture proposals) for a capacity addition of 38402 MW involving an investment of approx. Rs. 1,42,880 crores. Out of 41 proposals involving foreign investment, 12 of them have been cleared from foreign investment angle. Almost all these projects are envisaging bulk sale of power to the State Electricity Boards (SEBs) through Power Purchase Agreements (PPA). Hence Power generated from these projects will be pooled into the SEBs grid who will supply the electricity to the consumers as per their prevailing trarif schedules.